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PRESIDENT'S LETTER

Dear Members:

When I was officially elected your new President last February little did any of us know that just a month later we would be thrown into a global pandemic. Now over a year later things are starting to feel much more promising than the last time you received your society newsletter. I am happy to report that The St. George's Society of Baltimore has weathered the last year and we are in great standing. Soon after the pandemic started, the Board of Directors made the decision to meet every other month as opposed to quarterly. Event dates became postponed and eventually cancelled altogether. While it was a shame to cancel all but one of our events over the past year, it has allowed the Society to use some of the funds allocated for those events to purchase some items that have been on a wish list for several years.

Last summer I requested that the Finance Committee review our budget and make recommendations to the Board of Directors on what special projects we might be able to fund with reallocated budget funds. I am happy to report that we were able to fund several items that had been on our wish list for several years. These purchases will help to enhance our membership events throughout the year. The Society was in desperate need of replacements for the US and Maryland flags that were in our collection. The new flags were custom made by the same firm as our Union and St. George's Flag to match them in size and quality and will be used at our indoor dinners and meetings. We were also able to purchase a model of the HMS Victory, which had been on loan for use at our annual Trafalgar Dinner.

One of the challenges that have faced many organisations over the



past year is how to keep their membership engaged when all social events have been cancelled. We have tried our best to be in regular communication with our members throughout the past year. We also created a sub-committee on membership to look into how the membership process is handled, from how prospective members are introduced, to what they receive upon their installation, Society merchandise etc. One issue that the committee discussed was the fact that due to supply changes over the years our members have been presented with different lapel badges depending on when they joined. The committee made a recommendation to the board that we adopt a standard badge and every member will be issued a new one. This is a great way to give back to our membership who have continued to support the Society of the past year. You will read more about our new Society badge in this newsletter.

I am happy to report that despite the

challenges of the past year our Society has remained "True To Our Trust" of providing support to the citizens of the United Kingdom. Through our Foundation, not only did we once again support Help For Heroes and the Invictus Games Foundation, but also we were able to increase the amount of our donations. This was much needed during this past year when these organisations are suffering financially due to decreased giving. I would like to thank all those who made contributions to the Foundation over the past year; your support is very much appreciated. Another way you can support the Foundation is by purchasing a Society Tervis Tumbler. The Board of Directors approved the design last summer, which includes our Society Badge and all profits from sales will go directly to our Foundation. This is a great way to support the Society's mission and receive an item you can be proud to use when entertaining.

Although most events were cancelled in 2020 we were able to hold one outdoor socially distanced event. In November for the first time in many years, we held a Remembrance Sunday Service at Lorraine Park Cemetery. Our Society has a long history of providing graves to

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NEW MEMBERS

Enrolling new members is a vital part of the effort to sustain the Saint George's Society of Baltimore. If you would like to propose someone for membership, please contact Zachary Dixon, Membership Secretary. A warm welcome is extended to the following gentlemen, listed with the dates of their election by the board to membership in our society.

RALPH D. DAY

(on October 6, 2020)

JAMES S. HANNA

(on December 1, 2020)

PAUL B. RUSSELL, JR.

(on October 6, 2020)



New members installed at 2019 Annual Dinner

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British expatriates and this event was a great opportunity to assemble to mark the Commonwealth War Graves in the Baltimore area. In addition to the poppy wreaths that were placed at Lorraine Park, Harry Aycock cared for the marking of all other Commonwealth War graves in the Baltimore area with poppy crosses and one poppy Star of David. My sincere thanks to Harry Aycock and Stephen Morgan who helped to organize this meaningful event and to Harry for providing an article on the Commonwealth War Graves for this newsletter.

For those who are not currently involved in leadership in the Society and have a desire to contribute to the operation and management of our activities and events, please contact Harry Aycock, Chairman of the Nominating Committee for 2021. It might seem early to think about serving next year, but give some thought to how you might become more involved as the Nominating Committee submits our slate for the 2022-2023 year to the Board at the October meeting.

Also if you happen to know of any prospective members, please talk to them about joining our Society. As with any organisation, new members are the lifeblood and the younger the better. We encourage all prospective members to attend at least one event and get to know the officers and members of the society before letters of introduction are sent to the Membership Secretary. My sincere thanks to all those members who have been involved in recent membership efforts, even with the pandemic, we were still able to welcome three new members.

In closing I would like to thank all of you for support over the past year. It has been challenging in so many ways, but the Society remains in a very strong position and that is in thanks to our dedicated membership. We are hopeful that we will once again be able to hold our Trafalgar Dinner in October, if it is safe to do so. Please look for updates on events via email throughout the next few months.

Cheers!
Daniel Fisher
President



Past President Harry Aycock and I had a chance to recognise Lt. Col Johnny Hanlon for his support for our Society while he had been this side of the pond, before he returned to the UK in September. With social distancing, we gathered at the Queen Victoria Memorial in Baltimore.



COMMONWEALTH WAR GRAVES

This past year, the Society had but one event since the COVID-19 pandemic swept across this country, a small socially distanced and masked Remembrance Sunday Service at Lorraine Park Cemetery. This was the first such service in many years. While relatively unknown to most Americans, Remembrance Sunday is of major importance in the United Kingdom and her former territories since it began following the end of the Great War.

With monuments and memorials to the fallen from both World Wars in every town and village throughout the United Kingdom, not to mention train stations and department stores in every corner of London, in addition to the large public memorials in London parks, it is hard to escape the importance those wars had on the United Kingdom. Today, Remembrance Sunday is a chance to remember not only the war dead from those conflicts, but also every conflict since those global wars. Here in Baltimore, we too have Commonwealth War Graves.

The St. George's Society has long history of providing graves for British expatriates, beginning in 1901 with the creation of "The Victoria Memorial Fund of the Saint George's Society" later known as the "Contingent Fund", which resulted in the purchase of a lot at Druid Ridge Cemetery, known as the Victoria Memorial Lot. This lot, which was largely aided a liberal donation from Mr. Edwin Bennett, who not only erected the handsome monument on the lot to the memory of Queen Victoria, but also left the Society a liberal legacy. The graves in this lot are exclusively expatriates or those of British descent.

During the Great War, while our Society was involved in the war effort, providing 1,130 meal and lodgings and making arrangements to get over one hundred men back to England in 1914. Liberal contributions were also made that year to the "Prince of Wales Fund." The following year the annual dinner was dispensed with and contributions were made to the above-mentioned fund in its place.



*Commonwealth War Grave of Acting Leading Seaman Joseph Thompson Clark
Cedar Hill Cemetery*

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The Society however was not directly involved in the burials of any British or Commonwealth servicemen. There are four Commonwealth War Graves in Baltimore today, each located at a separate cemetery, for Acting Leading Seaman Joseph Thompson Clark, Cadet William Webster Eden, Private Harry Ross aka Harry Fooksman, and Acting Leading Seaman Eustace Alfred Bromley. While these four servicemen are buried in marked graves, Bromley is buried with two British merchant sailors, Cadet Reginald Cyril Johnson and Seaman Algot Buske, who died with Bromley in the same ship fire, and still to this day have unmarked graves.

With the outbreak of the Second World War, the Society was once again at the ready to provide war relief to the United Kingdom. In 1941 an event took place which resulted in the creation of the Society lots at Lorraine Park Cemetery. On October 23, 1941, Society member William S. Langston was walking down Lexington Street in Baltimore when he saw a British merchant sailor in his uniform. Langston took the sailor aside and said hello. The sailor, Edward Dumbrill of London, England, then serving on the SS Sevillia, had been given four hours leave because his wife had just had a baby, and Dumbrill asked Langston where he could buy a teddy bear and a tin of tobacco. Langston helped Dumbrill find the teddy bear and invited him back to his home, then above the old Wyndhurst Station on the Maryland & Pennsylvania Railroad in Roland Park. There in a 14'x14' room, Langston had a bunch of guys drinking beer and playing darts. About 1am Dumbrill, finding the activity a bit too rough for himself, asked Langston to take him back to the ship. On their way, they stopped at the last bar before they reached the ship in Locust Point to pick up any stragglers and found several crew members. Recognizing Dumbrill the other sailors came out dancing and singing, and the continued on towards the ship. Langston wished them well and drove home. The ship had no gangplank, only a ladder. At half-past five in the morning Dumbrill was found at the bottom of the ladder with his head crushed in and his arm still around the teddy bear. Langston was contacted that morning by the British Vice-Consul to see to burial arrangements for Dumbrill.

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Other Names: <u>Edward Goodliff</u>										Official No: <u>46549</u>								
Address: <u>5 Goodliff St. London E 14</u>										Port of Registry: <u>London, England</u> British/Fishing/Foreign								
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Death Record of Edward Dumbrill

Edward Dumbrill was the first of many to be buried at Lorraine Park Cemetery under the leadership of Langston over the years. And Langston was present at the graveside for every burial in those three lots, and also tended to the graves, a service which would earn him recognition as a Member of Order of the British Empire decades later.



*Privately Marked Grave of Able Seaman Thomas Frank Cox
Lorraine Park Cemetery*

In addition to the 17 merchant sailors buried at the cemetery who died during the Second World War, there are three Commonwealth War Graves of servicemen who died during that war, Master John Fishwick, Able Seaman Thomas Frank Cox, and Gunner Ernest Charles Douglas Meadows.

For many years these graves at Lorraine Park Cemetery were remembered on Empire Day, later known as Commonwealth Day, together with the graves at the Victoria Memorial Lot, though they do not seem to have been remembered with a service on Remembrance Sunday, and certainly have not been remembered by any services in many years.



Members of our Society Commonwealth War Graves Committee with Lieutenant Colonel Simon Culver MBE RA and Commander James Morley RN on Remembrance Sunday 2020

Last year for the first time in years, in addition to marking the Commonwealth War Graves at Lorraine Park with representatives of the Royal Navy and British Army, the Society also marked the four Commonwealth War Graves from the Great War.

It is the intention of the Society that beginning with last years' service, that these Commonwealth War Graves will continue to be marked and maintained and services be conducted each Remembrance Sunday for many years to come. We hope you will be able to join us this November 14th at Lorraine Park Cemetery to remember the sacrifices these men paid for our tomorrows.



NEW SOCIETY INSIGNIA

Our Society has had a variety of badges and insignia over the years, from lapel badges, to neckties, to blazer badges, but we have never had an insignia designed specifically for formal events for the membership, other than the Collarette of the President and Past Presidents of the Society. With the introduction of a second formal event, Trafalgar Night Dinner, a few years ago, and the possibility of a Coronation Ball in the future, the Board of Directors tasked a Special Committee last Summer to investigate and propose a Miniature Insignia for wear by Society's membership at formal events.

The following design was approved and permission was granted by the Royal Society to use their jewel, with our own unique ribbon.

Option 1.

Option 2.



The miniature insignia of the Society is to be worn only with full evening dress or dinner jacket at Society events or to non-Society events when the member is an official representative of the Society or otherwise approved by the Board of Directors. It may be worn alone or may be worn with official United States, State or Foreign Decorations worn in their correct order of precedence, and is not to be worn with other organizational membership insignia or commemorative medals or insignia. When worn with the above-mentioned decorations, it is to be mounted after those decorations. It may be either mounted in the court or ordinary style when worn alone and should be mounted in the same manner as the other above-mentioned decorations when mounted together. The style of mounting used is entirely at the discretion of the wearer. The miniature insignia of the Society is to be worn on a medal bar on the left lapel of formal evening dress above the breast pocket. It may also may be worn at the same time as the President's Collarette or Past President's Collarette.



NEWLY APPROVED BALTIMORE SOCIETY LAPEL BADGE



Original 1901 Baltimore Society Lapel Badge

On March 2, 1901, at a meeting of the Society, it was decided for the first time in the history of the Society, to adopt a badge to be worn by our members. The design was to be an English, or St. George's Cross on a shield around which appeared the motto "True To Our Trust", the whole surrounded by a buckled belt with the name "The St. George's Society of Baltimore" inscribed thereon, together with "1867". The die for the badge, along with a number of records was destroyed just a few years later in the Great Baltimore Fire in 1904.



Original 1930 Baltimore Society Lapel Badge



Royal Society of St. George Lapel Badge

Then on May 4, 1961, our Society affiliated with the Royal Society of St. George, adding to our inventory a new variant badge of the Royal Society worn by members of our Baltimore Society.



Current Baltimore Society Lapel Badge

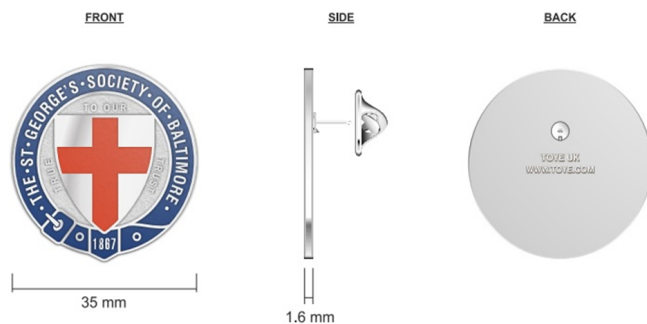
Over the years this has created some confusion by our members as to which badge to wear. In addition, our own Baltimore Society badge lacks any recognition when seen from a distance and contains details which require a very close look, unlike the Royal Society lapel badge which has a prominent Cross of St. George upon it, and the original Baltimore Society 1930 design which featured more defined details.

A decision was made last Spring by our Board of Directors to take a look at the insignia of our Society to create a uniform and distinguished appearance moving into the 21st Century. One of those projects was to take a look at producing a new lapel pin which would be easier to recognize from a distance than our current Baltimore lapel badge.

In May the initial decision was made to reproduce the 1930 insignia, which was made easier as one had been found by member of the Board in an online auction. A few days after that decision was made, a letter from Germany dated March 6, 2010 was found among the Society records, with a color photograph of our 1901 badge. The author of the letter was contacted in June and new images were sent, along with dimensions of the original badge. This 1901 design was submitted to the Board of Directors for approval in place of the 1930 design previously approved. This was agreed upon by the Board and the decision was made at that time to provide one of these new lapel pins to every current member of the Society, in a manner to be determined once they have been produced, in addition to providing these new lapel badges to our new members as they are formally installed.

These new lapel badges will provide a readily visible lapel badge which shows at a distance our British affiliation, yet is also unique to our Society and is the earliest badge, dating back 120 years. Below you will find an image of the new badge, manufactured to the same size as the badge found in Germany.

Wear of the insignia of the Society is encouraged by all members at Society meetings, events and gatherings. The lapel badge of the Society is to be worn in the upper buttonhole of the left lapel of the jacket or overcoat, and is not to be worn at the same time as any other lapel badges or pins and is not to be worn at the same time as the miniature insignia of the Society. We hope you will enjoy the new lapel badges when they arrive and wear them with pride.



Newly Approved Baltimore Society Lapel Badge Based on the Original 1901 Lapel Badge



LAST POST

We record with sadness the deaths of the following members

Alfred E. Schudel, Jr.

(on May 11, 2020)



On May 11, 2020 Alfred Edwin Schudel Jr. beloved husband of the late Donna Vaughn Schudel; dear father of Kathleen Schudel Santavenere (the late Paul), Robin Schudel Syropoulos (Nickolas) and Michael Vaughn Schudel (Margaret); dear grandfather of Caitlin and Michael Santavenere, Andrew Syropoulos, Lindsey Wedekind (Russell), Kathryn, M. Vaughn Jr. and Charles Schudel; dear great-grandfather of Lucy and Iyla Wedekind; devoted brother of the late Robert Lee Schudel.

Mr. Schudel was the longtime co-owner of the Pinehurst Wine Shoppe in Baltimore. He was a member of The St. Andrews Society of Baltimore and a member of The St. George's Society of Baltimore since 1998.

Robert L. Simmons

(on May 2, 2021)



Robert Lodge Simmons, long-time Towson resident, passed away on Sunday, May 2, 2021 after a brief bout with cancer and a long fight with heart issues. He was 86 years old.

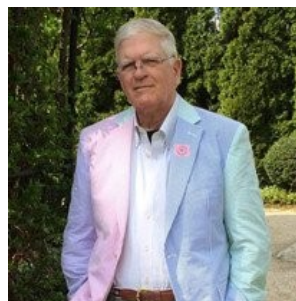
Bob was a native of Portland, Maine. He graduated with a B. S. from the University of Maine at Orono in 1958 and University of Maryland Law School, Juris Doctor in 1961. He remained in Maryland and practiced trial law in his firm, Simmons, Fields & Fanshaw until his retirement approximately 10 years ago. He loved his work and never left the office until everything on his desk had been handled. He never procrastinated. He was equally driven to have fun and was ace at practical jokes.

Bob and his wife Marsha travelled the world over the 50 years they were married. His favorite destination was Australia, where they visited three times. He also loved to cruise, especially transatlantic voyages, often accompanied by his daughter, Audrey and her husband, Bob. His other travel companions were usually other Shrine masons. He loved all things Maine and took annual trips to Maine to meet brothers from his fraternity, Sigma Phi Epsilon who still meet weekly at the famed Moody's Diner in Waldboro. He also participated for a number of years in Corvette weekends in Maine, touring and participating in car shows, with a primary goal of fund raising for Cancer. Bob was a member of The St. George's Society of Baltimore since 2004 and served as President from 2012-2015.

Bob is survived by his devoted wife of 50 years, Marsha and beloved daughter Audrey Cassidy

Benjamin Preston Rich.

(on January 30, 2021)



Benjamin Preston Rich, known by most as Preston or Pres, was born October 12, 1941 in Baltimore, Maryland to Dr. Benjamin Sunderland Rich and Helen Jackson Preston Rich. He is the only grandchild of Baltimore Mayor James Harry Preston (1911 to 1919) and Helen Fiske Jackson Preston and is the great nephew to the

former 41st Governor of Maryland, Elihu Emory Jackson (1888 to 1892). Mayor Preston's accomplishments while in office included securing a portion of the City's budget to form a municipal orchestra known as the Baltimore Symphony which debuted February 11, 1916. Mr. Rich has been a lifelong supporter and enthusiast of the BSO. Mr. Rich's family ties to Maryland are numerous and widespread. He was very dedicated to his Baltimore heritage and was an avid family history researcher and genealogist.

Attending Duke, Loyola, and the University of Baltimore, Preston held both BA and MBA degrees. He was a registered Commodity Trading Advisor, fund manager and securities analyst, and Certified Government Financial Manager (CGFM). He was also a member of the American Federation of Financial Analysts, the National Association of Futures Trading Advisors, the Association of Government Accountants, the Government Finance Officers Association, the Financial Executives Institute and the National Association of Public-Private Partnerships.

Because of his passion for history, Preston actively participated in civic and community affairs in both Baltimore, MD and Washington, D.C. He was a long-standing member of the Baltimore Country Club, Society Sons of the Revolution, Society Sons of the American Revolution, Sons of Colonial Wars, The St. George's Society of Baltimore since 1965, and was a participant in the Baltimore Rocket Society, Duke University Golf Team, and the University of Maryland Madrigal Singers. Preston also chaired an oratory competition for all U.S. secondary school students for the Sons of the American Revolution.

Benjamin Preston Rich is survived by his devoted wife of 54 years, Pamela St.Clair Berkeley Rich to whom he married on October 15th, 1966 in Bel Air Maryland. He is also survived by his children Dr. Preston Berkeley Rich and Dr. Virginia Rich Killingstad, both of Baltimore, Maryland. His legacy continues through his grandchildren Jackson St. Clair Rich, John Berkeley Rich, Anna Sewell Killingstad, and Eva Bond Killingstad. He is dearly loved by his sister-in-law Diane Berkeley Stasiewicz, his son-in-law Marc Killingstad, daughter-in-law Melissa Rich and his nephews Brett St. Clair Stasiewicz and John Brennan Stasiewicz who have been like his own sons.



ST. GEORGE'S SOCIETY FOUNDATION DONORS

Our sincere thanks to those who made donations to our foundation in 2020. Through your generosity, the foundation was able to make donations to Help For Heros and the Invictus Games Foundation.

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SOCIETY MERCHANDISE

The following merchandise is available for purchase:

- Neck Ties.....\$30.00
- Bow Ties.....\$30.00
- Cummerbunds.....\$30.00
- Blazer Badges.....\$65.00

When purchasing two or more items (excluding blazer badges) the cost is \$25.00 per item. Please contact Harry Aycock for more information - email: htaycock@verizon.net or phone:410-746-9407



SOCIETY TERVIS TUMBLERS

St. George's Society Tervis Tumblers are in stock and available for purchase. The tumblers are available for \$25 each or \$40 for a set of two. The proceeds from these tumblers will be donated to further the mission of our Society's Charitable Foundation.

Tervis Tumblers can be picked up at The Fine Swine, The Village of Cross Keys, 86 Village Square, Baltimore, MD 21210, Phone: 240-426-3437. Our Society member, Johnny Hickman owns the shop and has kindly offered to help with the distribution. Checks should be made payable to **The St. George's Society of Baltimore** and note "Tervis Tumbler" in the memo. **Payable by cash or check only.**

OFFICERS FOR 2021-22

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| President: | Daniel B. Fisher |
| Sr. Vice President: | Russell P. Rich, Sr |
| Vice President: | Harry T. Aycock IV |
| Recording Secretary: | J. Spencer Leitzel |
| Membership Secretary: | Zachary J. Dixon |
| Treasurer: | Richard C. Darrell |

SCHEDULE OF EVENTS 2021-2022

- Summer 2021 **St George's Cup Polo Match** at Maryland Polo Grounds, 3600 Fallston Road, Fallston, MD 21047
- October 21, 2021 **Trafalgar Night Dinner** at the Maryland Club, 1 E. Eager Street, Baltimore, MD, 21201
- November 14, 2021 **Remembrance Sunday Memorial Service** at Lorraine Park Cemetery
- February 2022 **Price of Wales Brunch and Speaker** location TBD
- April 23, 2022 **Annual Dinner** at the Maryland Club, 1 E. Eager Street, Baltimore, MD, 21201

Please be sure to check your email for important updates!

With the Covid-19 Pandemic, some events might be shifted or cancelled. Please make sure you are checking your email for event updates or possible cancellations.